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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 03

The ADF&G conducted the first Chignik Lagoon test fishery of the 2013 season on June 2. Harvests were as follows:

Set	Number of sockeye salmon
Mensis Point	28
Humes Point	0
Island	115
Ole's Point	370
Dago	239
Rocky Point	No Set
Dropoff	33
Bar 1 st Set	254
Bar 2 nd Set (Cost Recovery)	251
Ocean Beach	0
Total	1,290

These results indicate that there is not yet a substantial buildup of sockeye salmon in the lagoon although the salmon abundance is relatively high for this date. The next test fishery is scheduled for the 2:30 p.m. high tide on June 4th.

This news release serves as notice that a commercial fishing period may be announced within the next 96 hours for the Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts of the Chignik Management Area. A 24-hour advance notice will be given prior to the first commercial fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.